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RED LIGHT WAR IN DAYTON.

The social problem is to the front in Dayton, owing to an order issued by City Manager Waite closing all of the houses in the segregated district, and the papers of that city are full of interviews of various kinds about the action. The general opinion seems to be that the order was a little hasty and that too short a time was given to meet the changed conditions. This view is taken by President Corley of the Dayton Social Welfare League, who is quoted as saying:

"While the closing of the red light district has always been the ultimate aim of the Dayton Social Welfare League, the action of City Manager Waite has been a little precipitate," commented President Corley. "We are gratified that the houses are to be closed, but our funds will be crippled as a result of it. Still we will do all we can to co-operate in securing positions for the girls who want work."

Another opinion given by Judge Budroe, of the Dayton Municipal Court, is blunt and to the point. He says:

"In almost every city where reformers have taken hold of the governmental reins, a similar attempt has been made to close the segregated districts," said Municipal Court Judge Budroe, "mostly, I think, for effect. I have been on the criminal court bench in Dayton for three years and in this time I have not seen more than three women of this district brought before me for more than a petty charge. It is from lewd women not properly supervised that most of our problems arise."

"In Indianapolis the real estate dealers particularly declared against the arrangement, saying that it was impossible to keep flats and apartment houses free from prostitutes. People are no different in Ohio than those in Indiana."

On the other hand, City Manager Waite says that his order was not based upon the belief that vice could be eradicated in Dayton, but was inspired by a desire to shift the burden for its existence from official shoulders.

"The city management is tired of assuming the responsibility for prostitution in this city," said City Manager Waite, in discussing the matter with certain officials before he left for the east. "What we want to do is to shift the burden to the shoulders of those who are directly and indirectly responsible for it. Those who are engaged in this illegitimate business now know that they do not have the sanction of official authority, and whatever infraction of the law may occur, they are fully assured that they are more than likely to have to suffer the consequences."

The outcome of the experiment in Dayton will be watched with interest. If the city government can make its order effective, if it can keep the inmates of the disorderly houses from spreading over Dayton, it will have accomplished much for the betterment of the general morals of the community. But it is useless to deny that it is still a much mooted question as to whether or not segregation and strict supervision, is not the best way to handle the problem in the large cities.

THE SAME HERE, TOO.

A soaking rainstorm is worth while merely to let us see what clean streets are like.—New York Sun.

ON THE RUN.

General Depression seems to be in full retreat.—Philadelphia Ledger.

HURRY UP YOUR PROSPERITY, MR. WILSON.

Net surplus of idle cars November 1, 170,096; October 1, 131,027.

TYPHOID CARRIERS.

Now that the quality of public water supplies has been greatly improved and the practice of milk pasteurization has been widely introduced, outbreaks of typhoid attributed to typhoid carriers are becoming more conspicuous than formerly, although probably they are not really more frequent. A remarkable epidemic due to food infected by a carrier was recently reported by Sawyer in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, and while this was perhaps exceptional in the number of persons infected at one time, it emphasizes the grave danger of allowing carriers to have to do with the preparation or handling of food intended for general consumption. The still more recent typhoid outbreak at Lehigh University with more than fifty cases and several deaths has been traced likewise by the Pennsylvania State Department of Health to a kitchen employee who proved to be a healthy carrier. Such instances—and they are multiplying fast—suggest that wherever feasible, employees handling foods liable to spread infection should be examined for a possible typhoid reaction in the blood. In case the reaction is positive and even when it is negative, but there is a definite history of typhoid fever, bacterial examination for typhoid germs should be made. Application of the test could probably be made with little inconvenience in connection with the student dining halls of many educational institutions where proper bacteriologic facilities and expert service exist. We know of at least one American university where such a routine examination of the employees concerned in the handling of food has been practiced for several years past. The disaster at Lehigh shows that such precautions are justified, and that with our present knowledge of typhoid causation some responsibility in this regard may be justly expected from college authorities. There are also many hospitals, sanatoriums and public institutions in which the necessary facilities and skill for such examinations exist or could be readily provided, and here, too, it is true that to be forewarned is to be forearmed. In the future uncomfortable questions may be asked when carrier outbreaks occur in large institutions that are provided with bacteriologic facilities.

RICHMOND'S A BUSY MAN.

R. P. Hobson, Representative from Alabama, who specializes on prohibition and the Japanese war scare, proposes to keep the temperance pot boiling in Congress again this winter, and as a preliminary effort will send a letter to each member of Congress from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and all other states asking them to express their attitude toward the Hobson prohibition amendment. If Hobson can obtain a complete poll showing a majority in favor of the amendment he will probably use it to compel the House Committee on Rules to report out a rule for the consideration of the amendment.



EASY!

"Your father and mother had an awful fuss last night, didn't they?"
 "Perfectly awful."
 "Which side did you take?"
 "Papa has promised me a piano for Christmas and mamma has promised me a diamond, so I am strictly neutral.—Houston Post.

MARVELOUS!

Such profound wisdom as this, reported in the Boston Transcript's alleged joke column, could proceed, of course, only from a Boston child:
 "A little lad of our acquaintance recently discovered why the giraffe has such a long neck."
 "Because his head is so far from his body," he explained."

A chronic groucher declares that the man who introduced grapefruit as an article of diet played a joke on humanity.

"Life is a bridge of sighs, over which memory glides into a torrent of tears."—Nat C. Goodwin.

THE AVERAGE DURATION OF SICKNESS.

It is recognized that much of our data regarding disease is practically valueless because the statistics recorded in different localities and for different purposes are not intelligently co-ordinated. The facts are on record, but the deductions which can be drawn only from carefully tabulated facts are too often lacking on account of the incompleteness of the records. One of the most promising features about the present public health situation is that the facts regarding disease are beginning to be subjected to the same careful scrutiny and mathematical analysis that have in previous years been given to life insurance tables and other tabulations of business facts. The Prudential Insurance Company of America has issued a reprint containing an address before the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, on "Practical Statistics of Public Health Nursing and Community Sickness Experience," by Mr. Frederick L. Hoffman. After commenting on the well known lack of uniformity in recording the statistics of visiting nurses, of terminology and of completeness of records, Mr. Hoffman presents the statistics of visiting nurses' associations for Baltimore, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia for 1912 and 1913. Tabulating these reports, he finds that the four associations in one year gave attention to 58,933 patients, making 429,620 calls, or an average of seven calls per patient. After discussing the general condition of hospitals and hospital treating throughout the country in an endeavor to establish the essentials of an analysis on this subject, Mr. Hoffman finds that the average duration of sickness, as far as can be determined from the fragmentary records, was eleven days for ages under 44 and twenty-three days for ages over 45, and that the average nursing duration for sickness for patients over 45 is seventy days for males and twenty-five days for females. Many other interesting facts and deductions are presented. Mr. Hoffman's painstaking study of a large mass of hospital reports and statistics is of distinct value, although the most important point emphasized, in the opinion of the Journal of the American Medical Association, is the meagerness and incompleteness of our data.

DARN QUEER.

The longer I linger the more I discern that this world of ours is a darn queer concern. It's a crime to pick pockets, but it's perfectly right, to pick a man's wages on Saturday night, for the laws are constructed, wherever I've been, that the workers are made for the grafters to skin. If you try to be honest you don't stand a chance; you are sure to be known by the patch on your pants. If you steal a few millions, you're a person of note; if you steal a ham bone the police get your goat. If you run around naked you're sent to the pen; if you swipe some old clothing you go there again. If you murder in war then your valor is sung; if you privately murder you're doomed to be hung. If a girl sells her virtue she's branded vile; but the rooster that bought it is met with a smile. If a man tells the truth then the people get tired; if he tells them a myth, why they say he's inspired. It's a funny old world wherever you turn; it's a devilish, twisted and darn queer concern; it's badly balled up and it's badly out of tune, and must be a sight to the man in the moon.—Henry M. Tichenor in the Rip-Saw.

BUFFALO BILL LEADS RED CROSS SEAL SALE.

"Buffalo Bill" and the business men of Cody, Wyoming, where he lives, have agreed this year, as they did last, that every piece of mail which goes out of the town during the month of December should bear a Red Cross Christmas seal.
 Last year, led by Buffalo Bill, they purchased 22,500 seals—a record which will probably go unbeaten in this country for the greatest use of seals per capita. Cody has a population of about 1,200, and the seals purchased mean that they used nearly twenty per capita.
 Is your town going to sell five or ten for each inhabitant? If not, why not?

NONE OF US DO.

Some girls don't like to be addressed by their first names during working hours, especially by friends. A stenographer in a downtown office is in this class. Just the other day she hung a sign near her desk imparting the information that her name during office hours was Miss —, not Edna.—Portsmouth Times.

CAN'T BE OUTGROWN.

There is some compensation in the popular style of women's skirts. As a girl grows, instead of discarding her last year's models because they are too short, she can splice them this year, and be right in style.—Dayton News.

WHAT DID HE WANT TO DO, GO BACK FOR MORE?

The Phil Arver family were visiting their son Ed and family near Bronson, Sunday. Elmer ate so much that his parents had to hold him all the way home.—Burr Oak (Mich.) Acorn.
 Smoke La Tosca No. 5, made by the Geo. W. Childs Cigar Co., in Maysville. It's a smoke. 2951f

BRIEF ESSAY ON COW'S CUD.

We would be glad if the young gentleman who "jimmied" our type-writer while we were out the other evening, would come back and leave \$1.25, the price paid for repairing it. Some people's nerve is like a cow's cud, if they'd lose it they'd die.—Polo (Mo.) News.

ALL DOLLED UP.

Some people look spruced up if they wash their faces and part their hair. Others have to wear a checked suit and a purple tie and pour a pint of attar of onions on their coat lapel before their acquaintances know they are in their doll duds.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to complain because women's skirts dragged in the dust?

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